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SUBJECT: STATUS OF MAAG ACTIVITIES

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY ATTN J7
FROM CHMAAG ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIA DTG 040900Z MAR 74 BEING REPEATED
FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: STATUS OF MAAG ACTIVITIES (U)

1. (C) MILITARY NOW STARTING RETURN TO NORMALCY IN ETIOPIA. ALL US
MAAG ADVISORY EFFORTS MOVING TOWARD RESTORING CONTACTS AND
PICKING UP PIECES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS AND TASKS, EXCEPT
THE NAVAL ADVISORY EFFORT AT MASSAWA. NAVY ENLISTED MEN AT
MASSAWA STILL DETAINING OFFICERS, AND AWAITING RESPONSE TO
GRIEVANCES. USMAAG ADVISORY EFFORT STILL NOT PERMITTED ON
BASE.

2. (C) NEW ETHIOPIAN MILITARY APPOINTMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MOD AND REPEAT C/S IEMF: H.F. LTG ABIY ABEBE

B. DEPUTY C/S, IEMF: LTG HAILE BAIKEDAGNE

C. COMMANDER, IEGF: H.E. LTG WOLDE SELASSIE BEREKA

C. DEPUTY COMMANDER, IEN: COMMODORE TASSEW DESTA

E. COMMANDER, 1ST (BODYGUARD) DIVISION: MG TAFESSE LEMA

F. ACTING COMMANDER, 4TH DIV: COL YILMA TESHOME

3. (C) WHILE THE SHORT TERM IMPACT OF THESE CHANGES ON USMAAG

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ADVISORY EFFORT IS GENERALLY NEGATIVE, LONG TERM IMPACT REMAINS

TO BE SEEN.

4. (C) MAJOR CURRENT CONCERNS OF USMAAG ARE:

A. GETTING IEAF BACK TO OPERATIONAL PEAK.

B. INSURING THAT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN GHQ (HEADQUARTERS OF C/S IEMF) ARE CONTINUED.

C. GETTING TWO THOUSAND M1 RIFLES RETURNED FROM POLICE CONTROL AND INSURING THAT FURTHER MAP DIVERSIONS DO NOT OCCUR NOW THAT POLICE IS TEMPORARILY UNDER MOD CONTROL TO INSURE LAW AND ORDER.

D. GETTING THE CURRENT IEGF PDO ACTION MOVING AGAIN.

E. GETTING THE NEW REGIME KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE CURRENT SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

F. INSURING THAT PPBS ADVISORY EFFORTS CONTINUE.

G. CATALYZING TOWARD PROGRESS IN THE IEN WITH ITS NEW LEADERSHIP.

5. (C) MORALE OF USMAAG COMMUNITY, GOOD; APPREHENSION, NEAR NIL; ALL USMAAG ELEMENTS EXCEPT NAVAL ADVISORY EFFORT FULLY OPERATIONAL; IEG CURFEW FROM 2100 TO 0600 STILL IN EFFECT.

6. (C) ALL USMAAG FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT UNDER USMAAG CONTROL, EXCEPT AT MASSAWA NAVAL BASE. GDS-80.

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